



**Local Enterprise Partnership Chairs
Biographies 2020**

Tom Westley DL
Black Country LEP

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Tom is Chairman of the Westley Group, one of Europe's largest copper-based alloy foundry and engineering groups consisting of five brands: Spunalloys, Walter Frank, Francis W Birkett, Westleys, JT Price and Meighs Ltd. The group employs more than 300 people and has a turnover in excess of €30 million.

Tom is the Board Lead on Enterprise Zones and Chair of the Enterprise Zones Management Steering Group.

He is also a member of the Funding Applications Sub-Group and a LEP representative on the Black Country Joint Advisory Group.

In 2017, Tom was made Deputy Lieutenant to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands.

Andrew Smith
Buckinghamshire LEP

Buckinghamshire
LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP
THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN



Andrew always wanted to work in the film industry, then after being a civil servant, having a stint in politics, starting up his own business and training to be a scuba diving instructor, his dream came true and he went to work for Pinewood in 2008.

As Director of Corporate Affairs, Andrew has been instrumental in the development of the Pinewood site and development of the international reputation of the studio and in particular in developing strong investment links.

A Board member of Buckinghamshire LEP since 2012, Andrew has been instrumental in guiding and supporting the growth of the LEP and his knowledge of the film and creative arts sector has been invaluable in the development of this growth area for Buckinghamshire. Andrew is also a non-executive Director of Buckinghamshire Business First.

He is passionate about allowing everybody opportunity, especially the long-term unemployed and NEETs.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Austen Adams
Greater Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined
Authority (The Business Board)
(Interim Chair)



Austen has accumulated 30 years' experience in managing profitable engineering companies across the world. Having started his career as an engineering apprentice in the industrial heart of the UK, the Black Country, he has transcended all levels of management.

An advocate of modern management practices, he trained with Textron Inc. in the US as a global business trouble shooter before going on to hold a number of senior executive roles in sales, operational and general management in businesses across five continents. Sound strategic thinking, hard work, determination and teamwork underpin Austen's reputation for getting the job done.

Austen currently manages a portfolio of twelve industrial business within Avingtrans plc, two in China and ten in the UK, serving the medical and energy sectors. Two of his portfolio cornerstone businesses of Peter Brotherhood and Metalcraft are situated within the Combined Authority. A committed and hands on supporter of local, national and international bodies holding posts in advisory board roles for the National Skills Academy Nuclear, Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, EEF and the Walsall Economic Board. Austen also provides local advisory services to SMEs in the engineering sector.



Clare Hayward MBE DL
Cheshire & Warrington Enterprise Partnershi



Clare is a highly competent chair and facilitator at senior management and board level. She co-founded, developed and sold Academee, a global leadership development consultancy, to Oliver Wyman, a division of Marsh and McLennan Companies in 2008. She was retained, post-acquisition, as Global Partner of Sales and Market Development within this Fortune250 group.

A successful business woman and entrepreneur focused on leadership and strategic engagement who has coached, facilitated and chaired boards, senior management teams and leaders across the globe over the last 20 years working in industry sectors including technology, banking and finance, natural resources, retail and manufacturing. Experience also includes investment funding and negotiating the sale and purchase of several businesses. Clare also has significant experience within the community, charity and local political landscape.

Clare is the Growth Director at Cirrus, a Leadership, talent and engagement consulting firm, working with FTSE 100 clients and is also a Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire. Other roles include: Queen's Voluntary Award Assessment Board, East Cheshire Hospice Ambassador and Angel, and MMU MBA Advisory Board. Previous roles include: Chair of Make it Macclesfield and board member of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

Julie Kapsalis
Coast to Capital LEP



Julie has worked in economic development for over 15 years with a particular focus on enterprise, skills and social inclusion. She served as an advisor to the UK Government's task force on women's enterprise and has recently contributed to the Rose Review of Female Entrepreneurship. Julie is diversity champion for the LEP.

She is a Board Member at Gatwick Diamond Business and the Institute of Economic Development and is former Chair of the Chichester Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Julie is Managing Director of Chichester College Group with responsibility for a portfolio of commercial businesses including a chain of childcare nurseries, examination board and international education.

Julie previously worked as director at the South East England Development Agency, managing a portfolio of contracts including Business Link and Finance South East. Prior to this she has a background in consumer marketing and PR. In 2012 she fulfilled a long-held ambition to work on the London 2012 Olympics and managed a legacy programme to encourage volunteering and community engagement in sport.

Mark Duddridge
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP



Mark was a main board director of Samworth Brothers which owns Callington-based Ginsters and Tamar Foods in South East Cornwall.

He was Managing Director of Ginsters for 15 years, Samworth Brothers for almost 20 years and until recently was a Director of Roddas Clotted Cream.

Before that he held a variety of roles with Northern Foods, including commercial and site Director of a number of their operating businesses.

He is currently an associate non-executive Director of the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

**Nick Abell (Interim Chair)
Coventry & Warwickshire
LEP**



Nick Abell was appointed interim chair of the CWLEP in April 2020.

He became a board director at the CWLEP in 2012 and he was appointed vice-chair five years later.

He will shortly become chair of the CWLEP's Programme Delivery Board which he has been a member of since it was established in 2015, and he was chair of the CWLEP's Finance & Governance Board until he was appointed

interim chair of the entire organisation.

Nick represents the CWLEP on the West Midlands Combined Authority's Investment Board and as a non-executive director on the board of the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC).

Nick qualified as a solicitor in 1982 and after working in the West End of London until 1986, he re-joined Wright Hassall in Leamington Spa.

He was promoted to partner in 1988 and then senior partner until he stepped down from being a partner four years ago.

He is currently chairman of Wright Hassall, which is a leading law firm in the region.

Nick is a trustee at the Elizabeth Creek Charitable Trust and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

**Lord Richard Inglewood
Cumbria LEP**



Richard Inglewood is a Cumbrian non-affiliated Member of the House of Lords. He was previously Chair of the boards of Cumbrian businesses Carr's Milling Industries plc, CN Group Ltd and Gen2.

Lord Inglewood has also held a number of ministerial positions during his career. He was the minister for broadcasting and for tourism during his time as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of National Heritage in the late 1990s. He

has also served twice as a regional MEP, first for Cumbria and Lancashire North and then for North West England.

He is President of Cumbria Tourism and has been Deputy Lieutenant for Cumbria since 1993 and Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria since 2012.

Lord Inglewood was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Cumbria College of Agriculture and Forestry. He was called to the Bar in 1975, is a Chartered Surveyor (MRICS) and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA).

**David Williams (Interim Chair)
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham &
Nottinghamshire**



David is Chairman of Geldards LLP, a law firm with around 300 staff and offices in Derby, Nottingham, Cardiff and London.

After originally qualifying as a lawyer, David had careers also as a property developer and as General Manager of a major building society.

After heading the property team at Geldards for many years, David has recently taken up responsibility for the private client team.

In addition to these roles, David is Chairman of East Midlands Business Limited and holds a number of trustee and non-executive positions. He is now Vice-Chair of Governors at Derby College.

On the LEP Network Board, David represents East Midlands Region which covers D2N2 LEP, Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, Greater Lincolnshire LEP and Leicester & Leicestershire LEP.

**Jim Stewart
Dorset LEP**



Jim was appointed Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners in 2002 and has been a board member of the British Ports Association (BPA) Council since then. Jim has managed shipping companies in the UK and overseas since 1988 after commencing his career as a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange in the City of London. In the past six years, he has served as Chair of BPA, Chair of Maritime UK (representing UK ports and the UK maritime services sector), Chair of

UK Port Skills, and Safety and Chair of Access to UK Ports committee. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Jim gained an MBA at the Cass Business School in London and has served as President and council member of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has also held a number of non-executive positions, including the Director of Poole Lighthouse Arts Centre for five years. Jim is also a member of the following Dorset LEP boards/committees/steering groups: Strategic Infrastructure Committee; Performance & Investment Committee; Nominations & Remuneration Committee; Local Industrial Strategy

On the LEP Network Board, Jim represents Great South West region which covers Dorset LEP, Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly LEP, and Heart of the South West LEP.

Dave Axam
Enterprise M3 LEP



Dave is Managing Director at Ai2EV Ltd, which combines two great passions: one for devising market solutions, and another for world changing technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, Connected Autonomous Vehicles and Electric Vehicles.

As the former South East Regional Director at BT, Dave has outstanding skills and expertise in both strategic business development and technology-led digital transformation.

This track record means Dave is the ideal candidate to Chair the LEP as it develops its local industrial strategy and seeks to stimulate further economic growth with digital and clean growth technologies at the heart of its ambition.

Dave has also enjoyed influential roles as a Director of Surrey Connects and as Chair of Governors at his local secondary school. He regards future skills as a high priority and has a keen interest in supporting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) development in education.

Diane Savory OBE DL
GFirst LEP



Diane is the Chair of GFirst LEP and represents Gloucestershire as part of the Future High Streets Forum with the High Streets Minister. In 2013, Diane was awarded an OBE in recognition of her work with GFirst LEP and her contribution to business, and was appointed as a Deputy Lord-Lieutenant in 2015.

With a passion for fashion, Diane studied retail and exhibition design at Cassio College, Watford. After joining Cult Clothing, the predecessor of SuperGroup Plc, she rapidly progressed through the organisation to become its Chief Operating Officer, transforming the company from a small, local enterprise to the now-distinctive global fashion retailer that is Superdry.

She has mentored businesses to help them succeed in today's challenging environment and is a board member for a number of organisations.

On the LEP Network Board, Diane represents Western Gateway region which covers GFirst LEP, West of England LEP, and Swindon & Wiltshire LEP.

Tim Pile
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP



Tim, Chair of Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership, holds a number of non-executive responsibilities, following on from his executive career in retail, banking, professional services and marketing.

In addition to his role as Chair of GBSLEP, Tim is a non-executive Director of Marshalls Plc and Deputy Chairman of The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. He also serves on the Board (and is a past president) of the Greater

Birmingham Chambers of Commerce and is on the CBSO development Board.

His most recent executive role was CEO and Executive Chairman of Cogent Elliott, the leading Midlands based Marketing Agency, supporting a large number of iconic brands and businesses. Between 2001 and 2006, Tim was CEO of Sainsbury's Bank and a member of Sainsbury's Operating Board. Prior to Sainsbury's, Tim led the Retail Function of the Alliance and Leicester Group as Marketing, Strategy and Sales Director from 1996 to 2001. Before this he served at LloydsTSB as Marketing Director. He has held a number of non-executive roles including being a trustee of the Library of Birmingham, a governor at Bromsgrove School, Honorary Senior Fellow at Birmingham Business School and on the Board of Cancer Research UK.

On the LEP Network Board, Tim represents the West Midlands region which covers Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP, Black Country LEP, Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire LEP, The Marches LEP, and Worcestershire LEP.

Pat Doody
Greater Lincolnshire LEP



Pat has worked in Greater Lincolnshire for over 30 years, most recently as Area Director for NatWest Commercial Banking, a role where he oversaw a team focussing on many of those sectors key to the local economy i.e. manufacturing and technology, visitor economy, healthcare, agriculture and logistics.

He retired from that role in early 2020 and now undertakes non-executive roles. He maintains a close interest in education, having been Vice Chair of the Lincoln College Group and is an advisory board member of The University of Lincoln International Business School as well as member of the local Employment and Skills Board.

**Lou Cordwell and Mo Isap
(Co-Chairs) Greater
Manchester LEP**



Lou is co-chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership, and lead for Communications, Digital Broadcasting and Skills Fund. She is founder and CEO of multi award winning Manchester based digital design studio, magneticNorth. She is Deputy Chair and SME Representative for the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership, and Chair of Design Manchester. Lou is also a

founding investor in AllBright and a passionate campaigner for gender equality in business and the tech industry. Lou was awarded an OBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours for services to the creative and digital economy.



Mo is co-chair of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership, and the Founder & CEO of IN4.0 Group. Previously Mo was Group Director at Hobs Plc. Mo scaled his company MPG to one of the largest independent digital print companies in the UK, acquired by Hobs Plc. The business was listed in the Financial Times 100 fastest growing UK companies. Mo is also board director of the Career & Enterprise Company. Mo

leads on education and future skills for the GMLEP. Mo is also Trustee and Vice Chair of STAR Academies, a leading Multi Academy and Free Schools Trust, operating 30 Schools across the country.

**Karl Tucker
Heart of the South West LEP**



Karl is the Executive Chairman of Yeo Valley Farms Production Ltd and has been with Yeo Valley since 1996 having joined from the Quarrying Industry and before that having served in the British Army. Karl has been a key member of the leadership team that has seen Yeo Valley grow to be the UK's largest organic food brand and one of the largest, independent, family owned dairy businesses in the UK. Karl became Executive Chairman in February

2019 having been Managing Director since June 2017 and prior to that Joint MD from November 2013. Prior to this Karl was the Finance, IT and Procurement Director since 2006. As well as his role at Yeo Valley Karl sits on the SW CBI Council, is Chair of the SW CBI's Food and Drink Council and a member of the Somerset Growth Board.

Karl is also a trustee of the Bridgwater Education Trust, a body aiming to raise the aspiration, motivation and attainment levels of the young people of Bridgwater in Somerset. For 11 years until November 2018 Karl was a trustee of 'Young Bristol', a charity that runs and supports a number of open access youth clubs and two outdoor based activity centres together with running a number of positive activity programmes for the young people in Bristol. Having left Young Bristol Karl has recently joined the board of trustees of 'Feeding Bristol', a charity working to eliminate food poverty and food insecurity in the city of Bristol and became a Governor of the Merchants Academy school in Bristol in October 2019.

Mark Bretton
Hertfordshire LEP



Mark Bretton is Chairman of Hertfordshire LEP and the LEP Network, the national body that brings all 38 LEPs together.

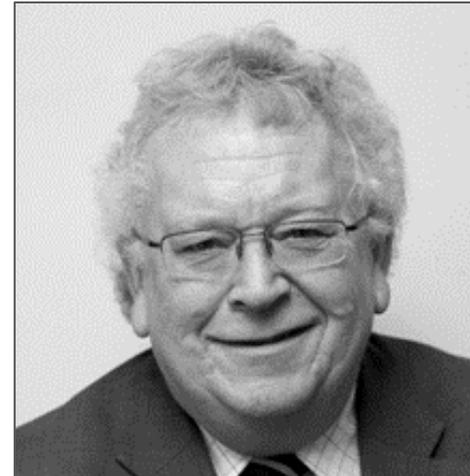
He is an independent consultant with 36 years of wide-ranging business experience, including in several high-profile Government programmes.

Until recently Mark was a Managing Director (Partner) in the leadership team of the professional services firm Accenture.

He sits on the Business Leaders' Council of the charity Teach First.

Mark has an MBA in Export Management and International Business from The City University Business School (now CASS) and a BSc Econ (Hons) in Management Studies. He was a Royal Signals Reserve Officer (Major) and holds a Territorial Decoration. Mark joined the LEP Board as Business Representative and Chair Designate in January 2016 and took over as Chair of the LEP Board in June 2016.

Stephen Parnaby OBE
(Interim Chair) Humber LEP



Stephen is Interim Chair of the Humber LEP.

Stephen is Business Development Director at Wren Kitchens, where he has overseen the major expansion at its Barton site – doubling operations and creating 1,200 jobs.

He has also successfully created and developed a range of businesses from scratch – founding Cottingham Caravan Storage, with over 400 caravans onsite, while also operating and managing petrol filling stations in Hull, the East Riding and North Lincolnshire; setting up and running an intensive livestock business producing free-range eggs and supplying 1.5 million eggs to the retail market annually; and overseeing commercial, residential and holiday accommodation as landlord.

He was Leader of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council from its inception in 1996 until May 2019.

Steve Fogg
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership



Steve Fogg has a wealth of experience from a career forged at BAE Systems, from apprentice to engineering, then moving through operations and programme management to his current role as Managing Director of Corporate Shared Services and a Member of the UK Management Board.

He also holds various executive and non-executive Board membership roles, including Blackpool Pride of Place

Partnership, Chair of the Fylde Coast Responsible Business Network, Member of the Worldskills Advisory Group on Social Mobility, Diversity and Inclusion and is a Member of the National Apprentice Ambassador network.

Roger Marsh OBE
Leeds City Region LEP



Roger is the former senior partner at PWC Leeds and a Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Since becoming Chair, Roger has led the LEP through a period of significant transformation, securing the country's largest Local Growth Deal settlement and bringing £1bn of investment to the region.

Alongside other areas, he is also one of the Trustees for the Iraq/Afghanistan memorial project and Chair of the Piece Hall Trust.

Roger is Vice Chair of the LEP Network Board. On the Board, he represents Northern Powerhouse 11 region which covers Leeds City Region LEP, Cheshire and Warrington LEP, Cumbria LEP, Humber LEP, Lancashire LEP, Liverpool City Region LEP, Greater Manchester LEP, North East LEP; Sheffield City Region LEP; Tees Valley LEP, and York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP.

Kevin Harris
Leicester & Leicestershire LEP



Kevin has been on the LLEP board for three years and before assuming the role of Chair he was the Vice chair.

Kevin has worked closely with local business for more than three decades. A Chartered Accountant by training, he advises SMEs on a range of areas, helping businesses to grow alongside providing essential statutory audit support.

As a strong advocate of Leicestershire, he is a prominent member of the local business community being a Board Member of the East Midlands Chamber of commerce and former Chairman of the Leicestershire Chamber.

For the majority of his career, he was the business owner of a successful regional accountancy practice, until joining RSM in Leicester as a partner in 2017.

Asif Hamid MBE
Liverpool City Region LEP



With expert industry knowledge gained over a 30-year career in some of the world's leading outsourcing businesses, CEO and founder of The Contact Company, Asif Hamid MBE has redefined standards of customer experience since establishing the company 13 years ago.

Leading the company from just 12 team members to over 1,500 employees across multiple locations, Asif is a pioneer of new approaches to customer contact, ever searching for ways to redefine customers' expectations and improve the customer experience through industry transformation and technological innovation.

Asif sits on several regional boards and is Honorary President of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce. Asif has a strong passion for the development of people. As one of the leading entrepreneurs in his field, his expertise is highly sought by local and national commercial organisations, as well as by MPs.

In 2017, Asif was awarded an MBE for his services to SMEs.

Angus Knowles-Cutler
Deputy Chair, London Economic
Action Partnership



Angus is London Senior Advisor at Deloitte, having previously served as their London office Managing Partner for six years. London is Deloitte's largest client serving office in the world, with 12,000 colleagues in the city.

Angus has a particular interest in building the skills that Londoners need for the future and researches the future of work in the digital age as visiting professor of the Centre for the Digital

Economy (CoDE) at the University of Surrey. He is a Member of the Mayor's Skills for Londoners Board, Chair of the Outcomes for Londoners Working Group and an advisory Board Member to the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He has previously served as a Commissioner of the London Skills Commission.

Angus holds an MA from the University of Cambridge and is a freeman of the City of London.

Angus represents London on the LEP Network Board.

Doug Field
New Anglia LEP



Doug's career includes four years at Christie Group plc as Group Financial Controller and six years at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Bristol.

He joined the Co-op as Finance Controller in 2008 and swiftly rose to the position of joint Chief Executive, joining a five-strong Leadership team.

Doug oversees the finances of the business and all aspects of technology from PCs to till points.

Andrew Hodgson OBE
North East LEP



Andrew has held Chief Executive positions in the energy and subsea sectors, and has been awarded three Queen's Awards for Industry.

He joined the North East LEP board in 2011 and took over as Chair in 2016, where he works to help drive forward the vision of the North East Strategic Economic Plan to create 100,000 more jobs, and works with key stakeholders to ensure the region's economy is strengthened.

He also chairs the North East Skills Advisory Panel, is a trustee for the International Centre for Life and the Northern Education Trust. He is a former North East Business Exec of the year and EY Entrepreneur of the Year, and has received an OBE for his work in manufacturing.

Andrew is currently Chairman at Avid Technology, a high growth EV component developer and manufacturer.

Jeremy Long
Oxfordshire LEP



Jeremy has a broad-ranging career leading and developing a wide-range of businesses in customer services, IT, marketing, leisure, travel and hospitality.

He is currently CEO for Europe of the Hong-Kong headquartered international railway and property group MTR Corporation.

Jeremy is an experienced chair having worked extensively with both Westminster and local authorities.

He has championed skills and employment initiatives, as a former Member of the Mayor of London Skills and Employment Board, former Director of London Development Agency and Chair of their Business and Skills Committee. The development of business and the skills to support growth is at the heart of Jeremy's motivation for joining OxLEP.

On the LEP Network Board, Jeremy represents the Ox-Cam-Arc region which covers Oxfordshire LEP, Buckinghamshire LEP, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Business Board, New Anglia LEP, and South East Midlands LEP.

James Muir
Sheffield City Region LEP

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In 1983 James joined a manufacturer of tableware, spending his first year working full time in the factory. Three years later he joined Ford Motor Company and held various sales and marketing positions, including Sales Director of Ford Switzerland, and Regional Director for the North of England. In 2001 he was appointed Managing Director responsible for establishing Mazda's own company in the UK. In 2003 he was promoted to Mazda's European headquarters near Cologne, first as Vice-President of Sales &

Marketing and then as President and CEO of Mazda Europe where he led the Company's turnaround from loss-maker to Mazda Corporation's most profitable business unit in the world. In 2009 James joined Volkswagen Group as President and CEO of SEAT based in Barcelona and tasked with revitalising its ailing brand. Over the following four years he led the complete restructuring of the company including the development of a new brand and product strategy. Since mid-2013 James was based in Wolfsburg, Germany, responsible for running the VW Group's owned national sales companies across more than 20 countries world-wide, accounting for more than 4m vehicle sales with over €80bn of turnover. In December 2018 James retired from VW Group. He is the Chair of the Astrea Academy Trust Board, one of England's largest multi academy trusts.

Brian Johnson
(Interim Chair) Solent LEP



Brian is the UK Business Development Director at BAE Systems Maritime and works in Portsmouth Naval Base.

He brings a wealth of private sector experience to his role within the LEP Board, with over 20 years' experience in the Marine and Maritime sector at organisations such as Thales, Marconi and the aforementioned BAE Systems.

Brian is also the Chair of the Maritime Defence and Security Group council of the Society of Maritime Industries. Brian represents and engages with the SME business community as our LEP Board SME Champion.

Christian Brodie
South East LEP



Christian has high-level experience in business, international finance, higher education and working closely with Government departments.

His previous Chair roles include the Student Loans Company, Public Chairs Forum, Pentathlon GB, the Council of the University of Sussex, the Regulatory Partnership Group for Higher Education and the Council of UCAS. As well as holding directorships in a number of private companies, he is a member of the Greater Anglia Stakeholders Advisory Group. He also serves on the Grants

Committee of the Wates Foundation, his family charity supporting projects principally in London and the South East.

After reading law at Oxford University, Christian took on legal roles in corporate finance in the City of London and on Wall Street. He subsequently joined the financial services industry where his career progressed to Vice Chairman of UBS Investment Bank, reporting to the Chief Executive.

On the LEP Network Board, Christian represents Southern region which includes South East LEP, Coast to Capital LEP, Enterprise M3 LEP, Hertfordshire LEP, Solent LEP, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP.

Peter Horrocks CBE
South East Midlands LEP



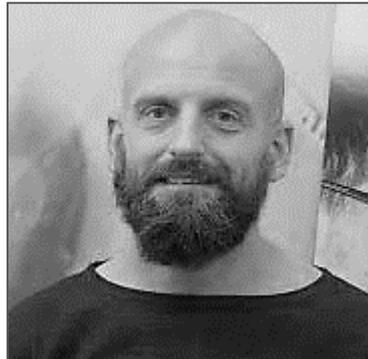
Peter was Vice-Chancellor of The Open University from 2015 until April 2018. Prior to joining the OU, Peter was Director of the BBC World Service.

At the Open University Peter devised the university's strategy Students First bringing a new 'digital by design' approach to the university's teaching. He oversaw significant restructuring and the prioritisation of resources for student benefit. He also chaired FutureLearn, the UK's only higher education open social learning higher education platform. FutureLearn has over 7 million users globally.

At the BBC, Peter held several roles, including being editor of Newsnight and Panorama, Head of Current Affairs, Head of TV News and Head of Multimedia News. He won two BAFTA awards for his journalism. In 2015 Peter was awarded a CBE for Services to Broadcasting.

Peter volunteers as a careers adviser in schools and is the chair of members for a local academy schools trust.

Alun Rogers
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP



Alun co-founded Stafford-based IT firm risual with business partner Richard Proud in 2005, building on his previous experience as an IT consultant.

The duo self-funded the launch of the business, which has gone on to win numerous awards and become a Microsoft strategic partner for public and private sector clients. The firm provides IT consultancy, systems management and

service support, plus a suite of IT systems, and today employs some 120 staff.

Beginning with Stafford College, risual has partnered with a range of FE colleges across the country to set up risual academies providing training in digital and IT skills.

Paul Moorby OBE
Swindon & Wiltshire LEP



Paul founded Chipside Limited in 2003, a rural employer in Brinkworth.

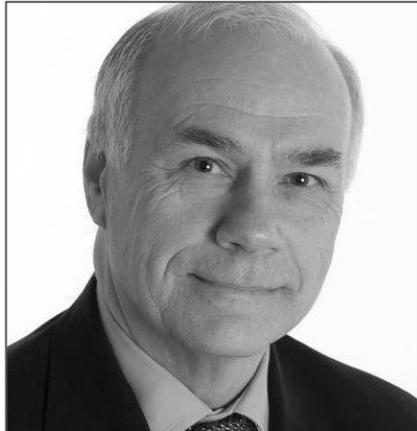
The company is a leading UK tech company, providing Mipermit services to both local government and the public across the UK.

Paul has worked with local government on digital transformation projects for over 25 years.

He was awarded an OBE in 2019 for services to promoting UK Technology abroad.

In April 2019, Mipermit was recognised with a Queen's Award for Enterprise, Innovation.

Paul Booth OBE
Tees Valley Unlimited LEP



Paul Booth worked in the chemical industry for more than 40 years. Born on Teesside, he started his career as an apprentice with ICI and retired in 2016 as the Chairman of Sabic UK Petrochemicals as well as its European Director for Government Policy and Public Affairs.

He is a member of the CIA Council, ex-Chairman of the North East Process Industry Cluster, one of the industrialists on the new UK CGP, and a Board Member for Plastics Europe North.

He sits on the Board of Governors for Teesside University and was previously a member of Redcar and Cleveland Technical College, NSAPI (National Skills Academy) and the TTE Training School. Paul is also Honorary President for SCI (Society of Chemical Industry) in the UK.

Bob Beveridge
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP



Bob has a diverse business career in both large organisations and SMEs within the consumer goods and technology sectors and has lived in Berkshire for 39 years.

Bob spent 12 years at Mars Chocolate in Slough, in finance and sales roles, ultimately becoming pan-European Head of Finance.

After five years with United Biscuits he moved to the technology sector becoming CFO of Cable & Wireless

Communications plc.

After two further roles in the technology sector he returned to consumer goods as CFO of McBride plc, manufacturer of private label household products. Since 2010 he has been a portfolio non-executive director across a diverse range of business sectors: healthcare, technology, manufacturing and food.

**Mandy Thorn MBE
The Marches LEP**



Mandy was appointed Chair of the Marches LEP in September 2019.

A leading figure in the social care sector, Mandy is chair of Shrewsbury-based Marches Care Ltd, an SME provider of nursing and dementia services.

A previous vice-chair at the LEP and former chair of Shropshire Business Board, she received her MBE in 2014 for services to dementia. She is the current

president of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce and chair of Lingen Davies Cancer Trust.

Marches Care runs the award-winning Uplands care complex on the edge of Shrewsbury at Bicton Heath and is one of the largest independent care organisations in Shropshire.

**Professor Steve West CBE DL
West of England LEP**



Steve took up the post of Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England Bristol in 2008.

He trained as a Podiatrist and Podiatric Surgeon in London and developed his research interests in Lower Limb Biomechanics and the Diabetic Foot at King's College London. He holds a number of national and international advisory appointments in Higher Education in his

discipline, healthcare policy and practice.

Steve is a non-executive Director for the Higher Education Funding Council for England and Vice-Chair of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) South West. Steve is also Chair of the UK Mental Health Education Working Group and Chair of the Learning for and in Work Challenge Group and a Board Member of the Learning City Partnership Board.

He is the Chair of the West of England Academic Health Science Network (WEAHSN), a Board Member of Universities UK and Chair of the Universities UK Health Education and Research Policy Network and Chair of the UUK Mental Health in Higher Education Working Group.

Steve is also President of Business West and Chair of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Initiative, and Vice-Chair of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) South West.

Mark Stansfeld
Worcestershire LEP



Worcestershire
Local Enterprise Partnership



Mark started his career in the food industry at Cadbury Schweppes and Kraft Foods, but quickly moved into technology with positions at BT, T-Mobile and as Commercial Director for O2, where he was part of the board team who brought the brand to market leadership.

Alongside his Executive Director roles, Mark held non-executive roles on a number of boards spanning technology, finance and health. These included The Link Retail, West Bromwich Building Society, NHS West

Midlands Strategic Health Authority, Ovo energy, O2 UK and Commercial director at CWS, B2B division at Dixons Carphone.

Currently, as well as being Chair of the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, Worcestershire 5G Consortium and board member of UK5G, Mark is also a Board advisor to Three Mobile and Chair of Airband, a leading rural broadband provider.

David Kerfoot MBE DL
York, North Yorkshire & East
Riding LEP



David founded The Kerfoot Group jointly with his wife Elizabeth in 1980 using £300 capital and which grew to sales of over £80m on a global basis exporting to over 50 countries. The group's main markets are food manufacturing, cosmetics and aromatherapy, its head office being in Northallerton. The Group was sold to French agricultural giant Avril in 2015.

As a passionate social entrepreneur, David has a long history of community service. Currently he serves as Chairman of the LEP, Chairman of the Pendragon Community Trust, trustee of a food bank and founder of an initiative called Smile for Moldova which supports people in the poorest country in Europe. He is also a patron of the Samaritans and a lifelong activist in the Prison Service as well as being a trustee of Breadline. He is a Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and High Sheriff of North Yorkshire in nomination for the year 2020.

David is passionate about helping small business and developing our regions, recently giving evidence at Parliamentary Committees on these subjects.